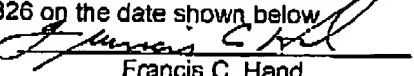
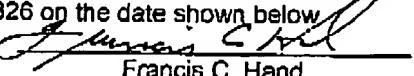


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Request for Reconsideration of Final Rejection

Sir:

Reconsideration of the Final rejection of December 22, 2004 is requested.

Remarks

Claims 1 to 9, 11, to 15 and 17 to 24 remain in this Application.

Claims 15 and 17 to 24 are allowed.

Supervisory Patent Examiner Mai is cordially thanked for the courteous and informative interview extended to the undersigned attorney on January 11, 2005. During the course of this interview, the merits of the rejection of claims 1, 3 to 9 and 11 to 14 were discussed. But no agreement was reached. The details of the telephone interview are further set forth below.